A. **Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for facilitating the evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of a patient suspected of having a medical disorder, comprising:

determining attributes of the patient and making a preliminary diagnosis based on the attributes that a patient has a particular medical disorder;

providing a template including selecting a source of information about the particular medical disorder and at least one field for recording data corresponding to the attributes of the patient;

comparing the attributes of the patient to the information about the particular medical disorder on the selected source of information template;

marking the template to indicate information about the particular medical disorder indicating a portion of the information from the selected source that matches or does not match an attribute of the patient;

recording data identifying the patient; and

simultaneously displaying on the template the selected information about the particular medical disorder, the matching indicia and the patient data;

wherein the step of determining is performed before the steps of providing, comparing, marking, and displaying.

2.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the information in the source about [[a]] the medical disorder comprises at least one sign or symptom of the medical disorder, at

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least one test used to confirm or evaluate the medical disorder, and at least one treatment for the medical disorder.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the template is a printed sheet.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the sheet is erasable and reusable.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1, wherein the source is a computerized database and the template is a computer-generated visual display.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the selected information, matching indicia and patient data from a health care practitioner making the selection, indication or recordation to another health care practitioner or to the patient's medical record.

8. (Currently amended) A method for managing patient medical information using a computer system having data storage means and a ~~graphical user interface including a~~ display, ~~data input means, and a selection device,~~ the method comprising:

retaining in the storage means a database of information related to medical conditions;

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making a preliminary diagnosis that a patient is afflicted with a particular one of said

medical conditions;

retrieving ~~using the selection device to retrieve~~ from the database information relating to

said particular one of said medical conditions;

entering ~~using the data input means to enter~~ patient data into the storage means; and

simultaneously displaying the retrieved information and the patient data on the display;

wherein the step of making a preliminary diagnosis is performed before the steps of

retrieving and entering.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising displaying additional reference

information not limited to the medical condition or patient data.

10.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises information on the

etiologies of said medical conditions.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises information on the

signs or symptoms of the medical conditions.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the displayed patient data and the retrieved

medical condition information associates one of said signs or symptoms with the patient.

13.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises information on

differential diagnoses of the medical conditions.

14.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises information on diagnostic tests or work-up procedures used to confirm or evaluate the medical conditions.

15.   (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the displayed patient data and the retrieved medical condition information associates one of said tests or a portion of said work-up with the patient.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the database comprises information on the treatment or management of patients with the medical conditions.

17.   (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the displayed patient data and the retrieved medical condition information associates one of said treatments or management procedures with the patient.

18.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said patient data identifies the said patient.

19.   (Original) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for facilitating the performance of the method of claim 8.

20.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the medical information includes at least one type of information selected from each of the following four groups:

    (a) definition, epidemiology, etiology, background, or description;

(b) sign, symptom, or abnormality;

(c) differential diagnosis, diagnostic work-up, laboratory test or data; and

(d) treatment, management, follow-up, prognosis, staging criteria, or surgical indication.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said displayed medical information and

patient data associates one of said signs or symptoms with the patient.

22.   (Currently amended) A <u>system</u> ~~device~~ for use in connection with providing health care to

a patient suspected of having a medical disorder ~~having been preliminarily diagnosed as being~~

~~afflicted with a medical disorder~~, comprising:

a <u>plurality of printed templates, each of the templates populated with:</u>

~~source of~~ information on signs [[or]] <u>and/or</u> symptoms associated with [[the]] <u>a</u>

<u>corresponding</u> medical disorder ~~identified by the preliminary diagnosis, wherein a user can select~~

~~a sign or symptom relevant to the patient and to the medical disorder identified by the~~

~~preliminary diagnosis and the device maintains a record of the selection~~;

~~a source of~~ information on tests <u>that could be</u> used to determine the presence or

severity of the medical disorder~~, wherein a user can select one of said tests relevant to the patient~~

~~and the device maintains a record of the selection~~;

~~a source of~~ information on treatments <u>that could be administered to treat</u> [[for]]

the medical disorder~~, wherein a user can select a treatment relevant to the patient and the device~~

~~maintains a record of the selection~~; and

at least one field ~~associated with said sources of information~~ for entry of patient

data;

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wherein each of said templates is adapted for annotation by a user to indicate:

the user's observation that the patient exhibits one or more of the signs and/or symptoms associated with the corresponding medical disorder;

the user's opinion that one or more of the tests should be conducted to confirm that the patient is afflicted by the corresponding medical disorder; and

the user's opinion that one or more of the treatments should be administered to treat the patient; and

wherein at least one of the templates is directed to a medical disorder other than the medical disorder the patient is suspected of having.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The device of claim 22 wherein one of the templates can be removed from the set of templates without damaging the remaining templates, further comprising multiple copies of the templates assembled together such that one copy at a time can be removed by a user without damaging the remaining copies.

25. (Currently amended) The device of claim 22, wherein the template each of the templates is adapted to be marked by a user [[and]] such that the marks can be later removed and the template returned to its original condition and marked again.

26. (Cancelled)

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27. (Currently amended) The system of claim [[26]] 22 wherein the system is portable.

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